

## **DENTAL BENEFITS**

### **Q1. What is the TRICARE Dental Program?**

- A1.** The TRICARE Dental Program is a comprehensive, voluntary Department of Defense sponsored dental plan that provides high quality, cost-effective dental care. Beneficiaries may seek care from a network of 50,000 providers or can use non-participating providers at an additional cost.

### **Q2. Who is eligible for the TRICARE Dental Program?**

- A2.** TDP is available to family members of all active duty Uniformed Service personnel, the Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) members and their families. To be eligible, the sponsor must have at least 12 months remaining on his or her service commitment at the time of enrollment. This commitment is based on the time remaining in any single status or in any uninterrupted combination of active duty, Selected Reserve or IRR service. (This requirement does not apply to family members of RC members called in support of the World Trade Center and Pentagon Attack). Eligibility is verified by the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) so it is important that this information is current

### **Q3. How much are the TDP Premiums?**

- A3.** When a Selected Reservist is not on active duty, DoD pays 60% of the premiums and the member is responsible for the remaining 40% of the premium. Family members of a Selected Reserve and IRR members not on active duty are responsible for the full family premium.

When a RC member (Selected Reserve or IRR) is ordered to active duty for more than 30 days, DoD pays 60% of the family premium while the sponsor is on active duty. If the family was not enrolled in TDP prior to the member being mobilized, the family has 30 days to enroll from the time the member reports for active duty. The family must remain enrolled in TDP for the duration of the orders if the period of active duty is less than one year. (The one-year requirement does not apply to family members if the sponsor is called to active duty in support of a contingency operation.)

### **Q4. What happens to Reserve component members who are enrolled in TDP when they are mobilized?**

- A4.** Reserve component members called to active duty for more than 30 days most often will receive their dental care from a military treatment facility. If RC members are enrolled at the time they are ordered to active duty for more than 30 days, they will be automatically disenrolled. They must reenroll in TDP upon termination of their orders.

**Q5. What are the benefits covered under TDP?**

- A5.** TDP benefits include semi-annual cleanings and screenings, sealants, preventative, restorative and emergency services and more. There is an annual restorative maximum for general dentistry of \$1,200 per year. In addition TDP provides a lifetime orthodontic maximum of \$1500 for each eligible enrollee.

United Concordia, Inc., (UCCI) will pay a percentage of the dentist's usual charge up to the UCCI allowance for the service, subject to limitations and non-covered services. The percentage paid and the member's cost share depends on the type of service received. For example: Preventive services (such as cleanings and fluoride treatments) are paid at 100% of the UCCI allowance, with no member cost share; however, basic restorative services (such as fillings) are covered at 80%, with a 20% member cost share.

**Q6. How can RC member enroll in TDP?**

- A6.** Most eligible members can enroll at any time by contacting UCCI at 1-888-622-2256 or on the web at <http://www.ucci.com>.

**Q7. How can eligible family members enroll in TDP?**

- A7.** Eligible family members can contact UCCI at 1-888-622-2256 or log on to <http://www.ucci.com>. Enrollment eligibility is determined in DEERS so it is important that this information is updated periodically. Family members whose sponsor was ordered to active duty for more than 30 days and who were not enrolled prior to the activation have 30 days from the start of the orders to enroll in TDP because they are not bound by the 12 month commitment. Family members must remain enrolled during the entire active duty period (if less than 12 months) while serving in support of the contingency operation